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TDHCA's Brooke Boston earns national recognition as 2009 Young Leader in affordable housing

(AUSTIN) — Brooke Boston, an executive with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), has been named to the list of 2009 Young Leaders by *Affordable Housing Finance* magazine. Boston currently serves as Deputy Executive Director for Community Based Programs, and also leads the Department's Office of Recovery Act Accountability and Oversight.

The national magazine, an influential trade publication serving the affordable housing industry, annually salutes 12 outstanding individuals under the age of 40 who serve for-profit and nonprofit developers, financial providers, and policymakers within the affordable housing community.

"It is exceptionally gratifying to learn that the rest of the nation is now recognizing what Texas has known for a long time: that Brooke Boston is a remarkably capable, energetic, and visionary leader whose future at the Department remains limitless," said C. Kent Conine, Chair of the TDHCA Governing Board. "On behalf of the entire board, I congratulate her on this honor, one that she has earned and fully deserves."

"TDHCA is extremely fortunate to have someone of Brooke's caliber in a leadership position," said Michael Gerber, TDHCA Executive Director. "The Department has seen its mission and workload increase dramatically with Hurricane Ike and significant amounts of federal stimulus funding. Brooke will play a key role in helping TDHCA allocate stimulus funds quickly, effectively, and transparently. She will continue to be an enormous asset to the state as we develop new programs, expand existing ones, and make the structural changes to the Department needed to meet this new workload."

Boston has spent nearly her entire career in a variety of positions related to affordable housing within both the public and private sectors in Florida and Texas, including the last eight years with TDHCA. She began her career at TDHCA in an entry level position, and over the years has moved to increasingly more responsible positions with a greater breadth of program oversight.

She is currently focused primarily on the implementation of seven different stimulus programs created under the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. In this capacity, she is responsible for examining all issues related to stimulus funding with an emphasis on streamlining reports, sharing guidance, and identifying and mitigating risk in program development and operations. She also is actively overseeing new General Revenue funds dedicated to housing recently appropriated to the Department by the Texas Legislature.

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A 1997 graduate of Florida State University, Boston received a Master's of Science in Urban Planning, with an emphasis on housing and community development. She is also a graduate of Leadership Texas as well as the Governor's Executive Development Program.

About the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs is the state agency responsible for affordable housing, community services, energy assistance, and colonia housing programs. The Department annually administers more than \$400 million through for-profit, nonprofit, and local government partnerships to deliver local housing and community-based opportunities and assistance to Texans in need.